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3. European Patent No. EP 1 155 654, dated November 21, 2001; and
4. European Patent No. EP 1 153 568, dated November 14, 2001.

The references were cited in a Search Report received from the European Patent Office, dated January 14, 2004. Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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